

December 21, 2015



National Freedom of Information Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T) Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Proposed Southeast Market Pipelines Project

FERC Project Nos. CP14-554-000, CP15-16-000, and CP15-17-000

Jacksonville ACOE District Permit Appl. No. SAJ-2013-03030, SAJ-2013-03099

Savannah ACOE District Permit Appl. No. SAS-2013-00942

Mobile ACOE District Permit Appl. No. SAM-2014-00238, SAM-2014-00655

## To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, GreenLaw hereby requests copies of all documents in any format that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has in its possession relating in any way to any comments made by any staff or division of the EPA to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") or to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("ACOE") with regard to the Southeast Market Pipelines Project ("Project") that were created or communicated at any time from September 1, 2015 to the present time.

The Proposed Project would be constructed within the States of Alabama, and Florida. The Sabal Trail Transmission component of the Project would consist of 515.5 miles of interstate natural gas transmission pipeline consisting of 480.9 miles of mainline pipeline in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida; a 21.5 mile long pipeline lateral in Florida; and a 13.1 mile long pipeline lateral in Florida.

This request includes, but is not limited to, all drafts and final versions (electronic, written, or otherwise) of the following from September 1, 2015 to the present time:

- 1. All documents related to the project evidencing any communications within the EPA or with elected officials of the federal government or any state, the White House, or any state or federal agency including, but not limited to, FERC or ACOE;
- All documents related to the project evidencing any materials prepared for meetings and records of meetings and discussions within the EPA or with elected

officials of the federal government or any state, the White House, or any state or federal agency including, but not limited to, FERC or ACOE;

- All communications or documents exchanged between EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C. and EPA's Region 4 office;
- All communications or documents exchanged between EPA and the ACOE;
- 5. All communications or documents exchanged between EPA and FERC;
- All communications or documents exchanged between EPA and any state agency, official, or representative; and
- All communications or documents exchanged between EPA and Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC or its agents, including but not limited to, third party contractors.

As used in the request, the term "documents" includes, but is not limited to, all written, printed, recorded or electronic materials, communications, correspondence, memoranda, analyses, notations, copies, diagrams, charts, maps, tables, spreadsheets, formulas, directives, observations, impressions, contracts, letters, messages and mail in the possession or control of the EPA.

FOIA directs a responding agency to make a "determination" on any request within twenty (20) working days of the receipt. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i). FOIA also requires the release of all reasonably segregable portions of a document that are themselves not exempt. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Should the EPA deny any portion of this request, we request that you inform us of the grounds for denial of each document or portion thereof and the specific administrative appeal rights which are available. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

We are requesting photocopies without charge, or at a reduced charge, because reduction or waiver of fees would be in the public interest. GreenLaw is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with 23 years of experience disseminating public information regarding the EPA's regulatory and operations issues. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The general public will benefit through increased notice and understanding of the operations of the government and of potential or proposed major policy initiatives. We further certify that disclosure of the information sought is not primarily in the commercial interest of GreenLaw.

In the event that our request for reduced or waived fees is denied, we are prepared to bear the reasonable duplication and search costs necessary to fulfill this request, but we request that you contact us before processing this request to discuss fees. GreenLaw reserves its rights to appeal any denial of its fee waiver or fee reduction request.

I appreciate your cooperation in responding to this request. If you have any questions, including clarification of the extent or inclusion of any document or class of documents, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:scaley@greenlaw.org">scaley@greenlaw.org</a> or (404) 659-3122, ext. 222. Additionally, we are willing to review the documents prior to copying in order to potentially reduce the time and expense of providing the requested documents.

Sincerely,

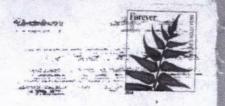
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